



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE

O Savior, Precious Savior

Healey Willan

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Jillian Mast

*HYMN (see insert)

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

HYFRYDOL

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 119:137-144

Jillian Mast

One: You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgements are right.

All: **I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.**

One: Trouble and anguish have overcome me, but your commands are my delight.

All: **Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding, that I might live.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EPISTLE READING

2 Thessalonians 1:2-4, 11-12

Jillian Mast

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME AS CHILDREN

LJ Brazier

[Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

ANTHEM

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

- Cameroon Processional Song
arr. Ralph M. Johnson

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Up the Tree and Down Again

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

How Can I Keep From Singing?

- arr. John Carter

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentations
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
*Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

What though my joys and comforts die? My Saviour Jesus liveth!
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth! *refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to my hope I'm clinging.
Since Chris is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing? *refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his. How can I keep from singing? *refrain*

***HYMN 348** (stanzas 1-2, 4)

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

THOMPSON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Is My Father's World

Victor Labenske & Philip Tyler
Betsy Foote, *violin*

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Joe Mortensen.*

~ Kathy Mortensen ~

We pray for Donna Tipton and the family and friends of **Ron Tipton**. We also pray for **Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Stacey Simpson Duke, Laura Parmelee, Maria Pierantozzi, Lauren Bowen, Sandra Deline, Elliot Pagor, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Ulysses Slaughter, Jr., Mia Jermano, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, Leah Grange, Lisa Hesse, Pidg Karolyi, and Kris Ledyard Arges.**

We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have, and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.



You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2), and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.

Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship. Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 yrs) on the top floor. Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children.

Following worship, children (Young 5s-5th grade) have Children's Choir with Coley Roberts and younger children (birth-4s) are invited to have supervised time in our play space. Care is provided for children until 12:30p when 2nd Hour classes for adults and teens wrap up. Please pick up your kids in the play space on the top floor. Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head down to the Youth Room (directly underneath the Sanctuary) for Youth Group, 11:30a- 12:30p. If you are visiting and would like more information, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) about Children's Ministry or Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com) about Youth Ministry.

Sermon Discussion and Group Sharing. Sundays, 11:30a-12:30p. Each week, Pastor Paul facilitates conversation on the themes, questions, implications, and possible applications of the sermon just preached in the Sunday service. It's a free-flowing discussion in which all ideas, perspectives, questions, and concerns are welcome. Opportunity is also given each week for participants to offer personal sharing if they wish, so that we can know and support each other better. Join us in the Memorial Lounge for this time of thoughtful discussion and connection.

Join us for Night Prayer on Tuesdays, 8:30pm, on our church Facebook page (facebook.com/fbca2).

Campus Ministry on Wednesdays at 5:30p in the Memorial Lounge. Subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>

We Want to Hear From You! We're getting ready to kick off our 2022 Stewardship season and we'd love to hear from you! What hopes do you have for First Baptist Church? Please take a short video (landscape works best!) of your response to this question and send it to Xan Morgan via [email](#) or text (734-717-0886). For those who would prefer, Xan will be available after worship on Sunday, November 6th to record responses.

Fellowship Time. We all enjoy the time spent with each other during Fellowship Time after the worship service with a cup of coffee and a treat, but we need some help making this happen. Are you available to help? Check out our online signup to indicate when you're available to serve in this way. Interested in hosting Fellowship Time for the first time? Mary Davis (marydavis1956@gmail.com) or Sue Ellen Glover (gloverse@hotmail.com) will guide you through the process.

Our **AD LIBITUM Concert Series** presents an organ concert "Stirring" on Thursday, November 10, at 12:15p. Shin-Ae Chun will perform various pieces by Dieterich Buxtehude and Johann Sebastian Bach on our Robert Noehren organ. This concert will help the audience see how these composers exhibit human feelings in their music. It is a free concert and open to the public. Mark your calendar! Invite your friends and neighbors!

Join us on Sunday, November 27th for Countdown to Christmas, our drive-thru Advent event with dinner to-go! You'll receive an Advent kit with 4 weeks of beautiful crafts to do at home, as you countdown to Christmas. Dinner to-go is on us! You're invited to bring non-perishable food and snacks for school kids over the winter break and folks who are experiencing homelessness. Please register by clicking the purple "Register Here" button at <https://www.fbca2.org/event/countdown>. You will be asked to indicate a

15 minute arrival time slot during the event which begins at 4:00p and ends at 6:00p. Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) or Julia Cooper (juliamary@outlook.com).

American Baptist Women's Ministries (formerly the MacGregor Stitt circle) invites you to attend our meeting on the third Thursday of each month @1pm in the Memorial Lounge. All the women of the church are members of ABWM. We enjoy each other's company as we learn about the charitable organizations we support.

Food and Supplies Collection for the Hikone Community. The December school vacation is very tough on low-income families because the children are not in school to receive their breakfast and lunch. For more than 10 years we have collected food and other supplies for our friends in the Hikone community. As grocery prices continue to increase, low-income families are struggling. Your donations are very important to these families.

Needs include: **Kid-friendly foods that they can serve themselves:** microwave cups and cans with pop-tops, cereal, oatmeal, canned pasta, mac-and-cheese, chili, peanut butter, soup, tuna, granola and protein bars, fruit cups, juice/milk boxes, sports drinks, vitamin water, etc. **Supplies** that can't be bought with food stamps: multi-purpose cleaning sprays, personal hygiene products like deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, hand and shower soap. Your financial donations will be used for fresh produce, detergent, paper supplies (TP and paper towels), and gift cards which are distributed by the Community Director for emergency needs.

- Bring your donations each Sunday, today through December 11.
- If you'd prefer to let us do the shopping, mail your financial donation to the church before December 4 or place in the offering plate. Please address the check and the envelope to Sue Ellen Glover, 517 E Washington, Ann Arbor 48104.
- We will pick up your donations from your doorstep. Just contact Sue Ellen gloverse@hotmail.com or call the church office and leave a message with Kat.

We can also use gently used books for children/youth and sturdy cardboard boxes. **We need all donations by December 11 in order to sort, box, and deliver to Hikone on December 14.**

Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code to the right.



Calendar

November 1	Night Prayer @ 8:30p
November 2	Campus Ministry @ 5:30p
November 7	FBC Ladies Book Club @ 6:30p
November 10	Ad Libitum Concert @12:15p
November 17	ABWM at FBC @1:00p Hope Clinic Meal
November 18	Faith & Family Small Group @6:15p
November 21	FBC Men's Book Club @7:00p
November 27	Countdown to Christmas Advent Event